

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A motor vehicle fender support, said support comprising a lower portion for fixing on at least one rigid part of a vehicle structure, and an upper portion spaced apart from the lower portion to support a top edge of a fender having an outside face that is visible on the outside of the vehicle and an inside face opposite to the outside face, the support being shaped in such a manner as to hold the top edge of the fender at a distance from the rigid part of the vehicle structure that is closest to said edge, and the support including support areas each of which matches substantially the shape of the inside face of the fender in the vicinity of its top edge, the support areas being spaced apart from one another but together forming a support sheet.
2. A support according to claim 1, in which the distance between two adjacent support areas is at most about half the width of a head.
3. A support according to claim 2, in which the measurement taken into consideration as the width of a head is the width of a child's head, i.e. about 130 mm.
4. A fender support according to claim 1, in which the support sheet extends over the entire length of the top edge of the fender.
5. A support according to claim 1, in which the support areas are supported by a base that includes a deformable portion and a breakable portion.
6. A fender support according to claim 5, in which the deformable portion and the breakable portion of the base together form a single part of staircase shape having rupture starters formed therein.

7. A fender support according to claim 1, in which the support areas are extended by a groove for receiving the inwardly-directed rim of a fender.
- 5 8. A fender support according to claim 7, in which the groove is provided with fixing clips enabling the rim of the fender to be held.